# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a Russian team from MiGMAPO, the original manufacturers of theMiG aircraft had visited the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Nasik in May, 2003 with a view to sort out technical problems plaguing the MiG-Bison engine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken by the Russian team; and

(d) the measures taken for exhaustive checks and extensive test flying hours before these aircraft are handed over to the IAF for operational duties?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) Required checks and regular test flying as per laid down technology are carried out by the Nasik Division of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Subsequently, the aircrafts are test flown by customer pilots at Nasik for acceptance before their induction into regular flying in the Indian Air Force (IAF) bases.